highlighted the Accord reached between the Government of India and TNT on August 12, 1988. It also ?d that following the Memorandum of Settlement reached between the Government of India and '.he MNF, Mr. B. K. Hrangkhawl, the TNV President had approached Shri Lal--r&nhawla. former Mizo'ram Chief ;3ter and President, Mizoram Pra-1 Congress Committee-I to mediate ietwee$_n$ the TNV and the Government oi India. The bi-weekly has published the text of letters purportedly ^changed between Shri 3. K. Hrangkhawl and Shri Lalthanhawla between October and December 1987, in which Sh'ri Hrangkhawl has .equested Shri Lalthanhawla to take initiative for arrangng talks between the TNV and the Government of India He had also expressed willingness to *-olve* the TNV problem within the , frame work of the Indian Constitution. He had also demanded immediate dissolution of CPI(M) Ministry of Tri-•xtra and cease-fire on both sides.

Export of Horticulture Products

1616. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHTSHI:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHU. SHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that horticulture products have g°t great export potential and if so, what is the present export of horticulture products; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to fully utilise the above export potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R, DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, .Sir. The exports of horticulture products during 1987-88 were as follows: — 1

	Quantity Tonnesi	Value (M. (Rs. lakh)
Fresh fruits & Vegetables .	&	
Preserved fruits	198507	929S
Vegetables	38120	3913

(b) Incentives such as cash compensatory support, import replenishment, duty drawback on packing material etc. being granted to exporters are expected to boost the export of horticulture products.

Compulsory retirement of Inefficient and Corrupt Officers in Punjab

1617. SHRI PAW AN KUMAR BAN-SAL; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government had taken a decision last month to compulsorily retire inefficient and corrupt officers above the age of 50 years;

(b) if so, what is the number of officers in whose cases such action *is* being taken;

(c) whether such action would alsc be taken against officers below 50 years but found to be corrupt and inefficient; and

(d) if not, what are the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE T THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DSV). (a to (d) According to Rule 3(l)(Aj of Punjab Civil Services ('Premature Retirement) Rules, 1975, a Government employee after rendering 25 years qualifying service or on attaining the age of 50 years can be retired prematurely. However, as a measure of penalty any inefficient and corrupt Government employee can be oornpul-so'rily retired from Gove^nmen vice under the provision of P Civil Service (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 after following the proce-